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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 18 February 1965

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General Carter was in the Chair as Acting DCI.

There was a Current Intelligence Briefing.

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DDS&T reported that 1017 is scheduled for tomorrow. He said we would perhaps employ [] who will retire later this Spring. He alerted the group to an Air Force desire to expand radar tracking facilities [] To us this does not appear to be worth the effort. DDP will look into this from a coordination aspect.

DDS&T reported on the status of NPIC-OSA exchanges on readout of South China photography.

Houston reported that there may be some publicity in connection with a Moss-Long bill concerning "Freedom of Information" in Government. General Carter asked Houston to send him a memo covering the main points of the bill and the history of this subject.

Houston reported that [] will appear before the Long Committee this morning. We have received all the assurances we can get that this will be kept under control.

There was a discussion of the growing press criticism of DCI and CIA growing out of the recent Fulbright statement about a Vietnam coup. Our committees are being asked to help out in this matter. DDS reported that there are only [] CIA families left in Saigon, and that they will be coming out soon. He noted that Monday is a holiday.

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[] noted that some changes have been suggested by USIB Principals in the letter to the NSC about SIGINT surfacing. This will be discussed at USIB this morning. General Carter asked DDI to determine the current status of the question of surfacing [] information since this may eventually require a similar letter.

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Kent reported that [] concurs with BNE's desire to put an end to the practice of providing []

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Kent tabled with General Carter's staff a proposed letter concerning the US position on [] The staff was given the impossible task of finding holes in the BNE position.

DDI noted that there is a desire in [] and it will probably be expressed elsewhere in the future, to get full info on the Vietnam situation. General Carter said there was no problem in providing intelligence information consonant with security, but that the provision of policy information was a State Department responsibility.

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There was a discussion of the extent to which a case can be made for proving Hanoi control of the Viet Cong effort.

General Carter directed that [] photography be screened to provide support to planning of forthcoming [] missions to []

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General Carter directed that DDS&T prepare a memo for the record on the recent meeting in the Pentagon with Land, Fubini, and McMillan.

General Carter commended the article on South Vietnam prepared by George Carver which will be published in the forthcoming issue of Foreign Affairs.

There was a discussion of the morning newspaper item concerning the mystery of the arms-loaded aircraft which put into Malta recently.

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